GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:674
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AFFECT ON PALACE ON WHEELS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Palace on Wheels had been affected by a sharp decline in the arrival of foreign tourists last year in the wake of the September 11 terror strike in New York and the scenario this year appeared to be dull as the tourism has failed to show signs of picking up;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) whether there is decline in the arrival of foreigners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last season a special 25% discount on the Dollar tariff to the foreign tourists and a special Rupee tariff for the Indian nationals was offered.

(c) Yes, Sir.